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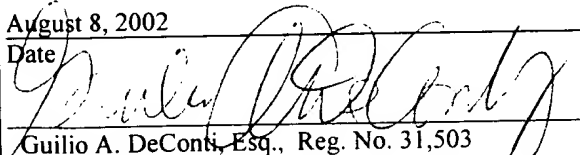
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Inventors: Hermann Bujard and Manfred Gossen
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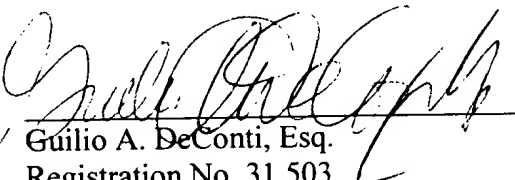
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1. Preliminary Amendment and Response, including Appendices A-E (60 pgs.); and
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response is responsive to the Office Action dated September 13, 2001 (Paper No. 10) issued in the parent application. A separate petition for an appropriate extension of time was filed with a Request for Continued Prosecution Application on July 15, 2002. Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 18, 19, and 21, as follows (for the convenience of the Examiner, all of the claims, whether or not amended, are presented below):